



# Raritan Valley Arts Association Newsletter

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## RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

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## Snow White Greetings!

We all enjoyed Doug Axmann's mixed media demonstration last month, watching an incredible scene come to life from acrylic brush painting and air brush with dyes, on a gessoed with modeling paste masonite base. Thanks, Doug!

Coming up Monday, February 23rd, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library we will have Nancy Ori, Photographer, Instructor and Event Producer for NJ Media Center and the Cape May Photography Workshops to speak about photography. She will talk about The Art of Composition and Lighting in Still-life and Florals. Also, she will critique someone's photo of a still life.....4x6 size...if there is time.... Nancy's work has been exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the USA and Europe. Please visit her website [www.nancyoriphotography.com](http://www.nancyoriphotography.com) We will see and learn a lot on a subject many of us are not familiar with and we'll all enjoy. Do come! Hospitality will be provided by Diana and Linda. And thanks, as usual, to President Linda Arnold for obtaining our demonstrator/speaker. **Please-hospitality volunteers are needed for March and April-do call Linda at 908/647-3610.**

**THE BIG APPLE BUS TRIP** is coming this spring---our chairwoman Mary Ann Vaccaro has arranged the trip for Saturday, April 18th, leaving from the Somerset County Library about 8:30-8:45 am. The cost will be \$35. for a comfortable bus with a restroom, where we're delivered to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and then to the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club (plus the Forbes Museum across the street, which is free and open until 4) It is a fantastic way to spend a spring day! We have snacks on the bus on the way home and we're back at the Somerset County Library about 6 pm. Mary Ann needs a count by Feb. 20th. Only 15 people signed up at the last meeting; we need at least 20 to make the trip do-able. Bring friends! Bring family! Bring friends and family! Even if we get 20 people, the club will have to contribute \$200. The full amount will have to be paid by the February meeting and will be non-refundable. All that art and all that arty camaraderie, and some snacks on the way home for \$35. Please mail your check to Mary Ann Vaccaro, 105 Brokaw Court, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. For

further info you can call Mary Ann at 908/704-1685.

Just so you know, one of the special exhibits at the Met, until April 19, is Pierre Bonnard: the Late Interiors (your editor has only seen a few of them; they are lyrical, terrific, intimate) The 80 paintings drawings, and watercolors are from when he centered his painting activity in his pink stucco house overlooking the Mediterranean in the village of Le Cannet. "Working in a converted upstairs bedroom, Bonnard transformed the rooms and objects that surrounded him into iridescent subjects, remarkable in color, light, and vision." Another special exhibit then? Drawings from Raphael to Renoir. Another? Arts of the Ming Dynasty-China's Age of Brilliance. Of course there is the whole rest of the museum as well as the AWS Show, and the toys, games, documents, and special exhibit at the Forbes. You do know that you can spend the whole day at the Met because the bus will come back for you about 4:30 and then go downtown again to get those at the Salmagundi-AWS Exhibit.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Barbara Fiorentino, who took care of the finances for our Holiday Show and giving out the checks to those artists who sold (\$454. total). The artists who were in the show were Doug Axmann, Kathy Blair, Susan Boyd, Mary Ann Creasy, Eleanor DeMott, Sherry Engelberg, Amy Erdman, Bill Gilbert, Rita Gorky, Judy Hummer, Linda Lam, Marge McGovern, Joan McKinney, Eleanor Morehouse, Diana Patton, Christiane Silla, Peggye Tombro, and Rosemary Zangara.

Please don't forget to go to our very own website [www.raritanvalleyarts.org](http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org) Remember you can have a free presence on the website by snail mailing photos or emailing the images as an attachment to your editor. Two works and a short bio will go up.

You remember the lovely fiber works of art when Kevan Lunney came to RVAA last spring? Her website is up! And she sends along another website too. [www.KevanArt.com](http://www.KevanArt.com) [www.FiberRevolution.com/](http://www.FiberRevolution.com/)

**History Panorama: "Manhattan Since Its Discovery by the Dutch in 1609"** Is the name of the present exhibit at the Salmagundi Club. Anne Kullaf's "Great Blizzard of 1888" is included in that show. She is one of 25 included in this international traveling exhibition. In collaboration with the **Zeeuws Maritiem Muzeum Vlissingen**, a maritime history museum in the Netherlands, the **Salmagundi Club** has been invited to participate in an international celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Manhattan by the Dutch. This exhibition features the work of 25 Club artists and spans 400 years of the history of New York City. Each artist will show a 3 x 6 foot panel in a representational style in oil or acrylic. The panels will be joined to create a narrative of New York history. This exhibition will travel the entire year from the Club, then to the Vlissingen Muzeum and other NY and Dutch locations. For more info. The Club is located at 47 Fifth Avenue in New York City, call 212-255-7740 for more information.

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**SHERRY ENGELBERG'S** painting "Near Shankpainter Road, Provincetown" has been accepted into the Somerset Art Association Members' Juried Show.

Several members of RVAA are in the juried show at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center, 202 Mt. Airy Rd, just off the west side of Rt. 287, and they are as follows: Linda Arnold, Diana Patton, Lib Ryman, and Peggye Tombro. The show will be up until April 30th.

Incidentally, all are invited to the **Opening Reception of this show** Friday, February 20th at 11 o'clock. I believe they will have other shows there so you might want to **scope it out**.

Somerset Art Association's Juried Members' Exhibit has several RVAA members in it, including Doug Axmann, Sherry Engelberg, Rita Gorky, Judy Hummer, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, and Peggye Tombro. This show closes February 27th.

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